



Borough of Walnutport

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 13, 2011

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1. William Turk, President called the October 13, 2011 regular council meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:04 pm in the Borough Municipal Building, 417 Lincoln Avenue, Walnutport, PA 18088. Mr. Turk led the Pledge of allegiance.
2. Roll Call: William Turk, President; Michael Gaston, Vice-President; Joan Rehrig, Councilwoman; Harold Greene, Councilman; Matthew Newhard, Councilman; Lamar Lauer, Councilman; David Stankovic, Councilman; Henry Kline, Mayor; Jason Newhard, Engineer; Eric Strohl, Road Foreman; and Michael Corriere, Solicitor. Annette Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer-Absent.
3. Motion to approve minutes from the workshop meeting September 1, 2011; regular meeting September 8, 2011; and special meeting September 27, 2011 made by Lamar. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve Tax Collector's Monthly Report for September 2011 made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Motion to approve September 2011 Profit & Loss Report made by Dave. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Motion to approve September 2011 Bill List made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve Police Report for September 2011 made by Joan. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve Zoning Report for September 2011 made by Joan. Lamar seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. James Herberling from The Terrace Restaurant—never showed up.
10. Warren James—discussion at 8:34 pm. He didn't show up till this time. Mr. James and Mr. Corriere discussed this issue.
11. Opportunity for Residents to be Heard--none
12. Secretary's Announcements/Notes –
 - A. Motion to pass resolution 2011-05 pension plan—(required every year) made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Address on Old Gap Street/Lehigh Gap Street—table till next month—motion made by Matt. Joan seconded. Motion carried.
 - C. ZHB Solicitor- getting prices for Solicitor. Will discuss results at next workshop meeting.
13. Standing Committees –
 - A. Finance – Michael Gaston
 - I. Budget—take home look at it.
 - II. Fees-will discuss next month
 - B. Law – Harold Greene - nothing
 - C. Streets – Lamar Lauer - nothing
 - D. Solid Waste – Matthew Newhard
 - I. Matt made the motion to terminate garbage service as of October 13, 2011 on 237 Main Street. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - E. Recreation – Michael Gaston - nothing
 - F. Ordinance Review – David Stankovic
 - Dave made motion to approve Land lord ordinance (advertised) 2011-04. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- For fire company to bill insurance companies—Solicitor is working on it
- G. Personnel –Matthew Newhard-hire 2 part time officers—committee recommends Mr. Frey and Mr. Reidy.
 - I. Corey Frey—Mike made the motion to hire. Harold seconded the motion to hire Mr. Frey. Motion carried.
 - II. Joseph Reidy—Mike made the motion to hire. Harold seconded the motion to hire Mr. Reidy. Motion carried. (goes thru normal 6 month probation)
 - H. Solicitors Report
 - I. Elk Lighting contract
 - II. RCN-we received past payments. Next payment due by 11-1-11
 - III. Verizon—sent letter waiting on their response
 - IV. Ordinance 98-1- fees for transient permits—to be discussed next month
 - V. Garbage hearing-Toth’s attorney contacted Corriere. Toth wants to make a settlement
 - VI. IT policy-draft from PA associations
 - VII. Dennis-junk vehicle —still in litigation
 - I. Engineers Report
 - I. Mike made the motion to restart to restroom project for 215 Lincoln. SSM fee will be about \$4,700.00. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - II. Heard nothing from REMA about damages. County is waiting on FEMA too.
 - III. October 21st borough crew, authority crew and some volunteers will be working on the temporary fix of the canal.
 - J. Grants-Mike Wentz
 - I. Canal grant paperwork was sent in
14. Unfinished Business –
 - A. Codification- waiting on general code
 - B. Street lights-Michael Corriere is handling—waiting on MEM/PPL. They were to be here 10-3-11...didn’t show up yet.
 - C. Police Policy Manual- tabled to next month
 15. New Business –
 - A. Motion to approve interim bills for November 1st mailing made by Matt. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Matt made the motion to have Mr. Corriere prepare the purchase of Elk lighting property with a \$500.00 down payment and the phase I report. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 16. Entered into executive session from 8:00 – 8:32 pm
 17. Mayor’s Announcements –
 - A. Canal festival 10-16-11
 - B. Trick or treat 10-26-11
 - C. Halloween parade 10-29-11
 18. Adjournment – motion to adjourn meeting made by Joan. Harold seconded the motion. Motion carried at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Annette S. Lacko, Secretary/Treasurer